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## FENCING TEAM HAS DEVELOPED IN FIVE YEARS

### Hamilton Has Achieved Important Place in Fencing World in Very Short Time

### FIRST TEAM IN 1923

### Gelas Has Developed Splendid Squads in Past Years

Fencing, Hamilton's youngest intercollegiate sport, has had a rather brilliant and eventful record. Considering that the first intercollegiate matches for Hamilton took place in 1923 and that but two years later the team lost the intercollegiate foils championship of the United States by but a single point, the sport has had astonishing success here.

Hamilton was first introduced to fencing when it secured the services of Jean M. Gelas as an associate physical director in the fall of 1921. Mr. Gelas came to Hamilton after extensive training in France and after many years of service as fencing instructor at Cornell and West Point.

In February, 1922, Hamilton witnessed its first fencing bout on the Hill. James Murray, coach of the New York Athletic Club and Columbia University—the then intercollegiate fencing champions of the United States—visited the Hill and with Coach Gelas put on some exhibition matches in the gymnasium after the Hamilton-R. P. I. hockey game. Coach Prettyman introduced the contestants and explained the elementary principles of the sport. Then followed bouts with foils, epees, sabres, and singlesticks. No score was kept, but Coach Gelas seemed to excell in foils, epees, and sabres, although Mr. Murray proved the better with the singlesticks.

Interest in the sport was thus created and about a month later Hamilton joined the Intercollegiate Fencing Association upon the petition of John W. G. Ogilvie, '24. The Association was composed of Annapolis, Bowdoin, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, M. I. T., University of Pennsylvania, and Yale. West Point and Hamilton were both admitted at the same time.

In May of the same year the Executive Council appropriated enough money to provide the necessary equipment for a fencing team.

In the next winter, that of 1922-23, practice began in earnest. Ogilvie

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## Pi Delts Celebrate Their Founders' Day

Hamilton Chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon held a joint meeting with Colgate Chapter at the Yahnundasis Club last Tuesday evening in observance of the Founders' Day of the fraternity. About 20 undergraduate members of the society in the two colleges attended the banquet. Frederick A. Ballard, '28, president of the local chapter of Pi Delta Epsilon presided.

Dr. Cleveland K. Chase of the faculty spoke concerning modern tendencies in higher education, pointing to the diversity in educational systems as exemplified by Colgate and Hamilton. The college newspaper has a valuable part to play in the undergraduate life. It is not merely the mirror of current happenings, the football games, the debates, the social activities; it has a real duty to perform in moulding and crystallizing undergraduate opinion. The value of Pi Delta Epsilon lies in the fact that it is an organization which directs the college papers. Its members are all essentially interested in college journalism and the society has an active part in shaping the policies of local journalistic enterprise.

Prof. R. H. McNeil, professor of journalism at Colgate and editor of the Epsilog, the journal of the national society of Pi Delta Epsilon, spoke of the ways in which the society can be of practical benefit to college journalism. President Smith of the Colgate Chapter, editor of the Colgate Maroon, also spoke.

The society of Pi Delta Epsilon was founded at Syracuse University December 6, 1909. From the first chapter the society has grown until now there are chapter in nearly every state in the Union. It is the only non-professional journalistic fraternity in the country. Every year each active chapter celebrates Founders' Day with an appropriate program.

## *Calendar*

**Wednesday**

Charlatan Plays in Hall of Commons at 8:15.

**Thursday**

Choir practice at 7:45.

Newman Club meeting.

**Friday**

Meeting of Undergraduate Association in Hall of Commons at 8.

**Saturday**

Y. M. C. A. movie "Becky," in Commons at 8.

Hockey game with Middlebury at 8.

**Sunday**

Miracle Play in Hall of Commons at 8:15.

**Tuesday**

Christmas Recess begins 4:30.

## CHARLATANS TO PRESENT THREE PLAYS TONIGHT

### Large Number of Men Participate in First Dramatic Plays To Be Given This Year

### PROGRAM IS BALANCED

### Two Plays of Serious Nature to Be Followed by Comedy

Setting this evening as the opening night for the 1927-28 season, the Charlatans are ready to present three one-act plays before the student body. The performance will begin promptly at eight fifteen in the Hall of Commons. The program is composed of "Bound East for Cardiff," by Eugene O'Neil;" A Game of Chess," by Kenneth Sawyer Goodman; and "The Trysting Place," by Booth Tarkington.

The actors have been ably coached by Prof. Sprague of the Public Speaking Department, who has had several years of experience on the professional stage. Work has been carried on with the plays for approximately four weeks and according to all reports they are in good condition for presentation tonight. A dress rehearsal was held Tuesday.

"Bound East for Cardiff" and "A Game of Chess," are both serious plays. In the first, Reed plays the difficult part of Yank, an old sailor who has been badly injured while the

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## Arthur Whiting Gives First Concert of Year

The first of the Arthur Whiting Concerts for the 1927-28 season was welcomed by an appreciative audience that filled the Chapel Monday evening. The program was rendered by a string quartette with a flute and harpsichord.

This is the first of a series of five concerts of classical and modern chamber music that will be presented this winter. Mr. Whiting is well known to Hamilton students from his concerts in former years, and every number of the program was most enjoyable. It was primarily a presentation of compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Some of the artists assisting Mr. Whiting are also well known to Hamilton audiences, especially Mr. Barrere and Mr. Stefano.

The artists were:

Mr. George Barrere, Flute.

Mr. Michael de Stefano, First Violin.

Mr. Walter Edelstein, Second Violin.

Mr. Mitja Stillman, Viola.

Mr. Alberico Guidi, Violoncello.

Mr. Arthur Whiting, Harpsichord.

The program of the concert was as follows:

(Flute and Harpsichord)

Sonata, B Minor

I Andante II Largo e dolice III Presto—Allegro

(String Quartette)

Air, from Suite in D

(With Flute)

I Rondeau II Polonaise III Badinerie

From Suite in B Minor

I Sarabande II Gavotte from Suite in G Minor

Prelude and Fugue, D major

Well-Tempered Clavichord, Vol. I

(Violoncello)

I Sarabande II Courante, from Suite in G Major

(Flute, String Quartette and Harpsichord)

Concerto, D Major

I Allegro II Adagio III Allegro

## CLASS OF 1884 MADE HISTORY BY REVOLT AGAINST RULING

### Was Disgruntled at Faculty Refusal to Grant Three Day Respite on Occasion of Death of President North—Several Men Left College Because of Expulsion of Ring Leaders

(The following is the third of a series of "Did you know?" stories dealing with interesting phases of old Hamilton. Editor's note.)

DID YOU KNOW that the bolt on the class memorial stone which stands at the edge of the path which leads across the campus to South College was set up by the Class of '84 in remembrance of its now historic revolt? The revolt occurred when the college authorities attempted to force the students to attend classes during the interval between the death and burial of a trustee of the college.

That the Class of '84 bolted is not unusual information to the undergraduates and alumni, but the why and wherefore is to most of them a mystery. To one who does not know the past history of '84, the affection which the members bear eath other and the charmed air with which they speak of the old days must seem strange.

In the fall of 1880 the class of '84 entered Hamilton—with nothing unusual about it, except, perhaps, its size, its 37 members composing the largest class to be graduated to that date.

It was in February in its senior year that the Class of '84 was given a chance to make history for itself. The opportunity was the death of the Rev. Simeon North, LL.D., D.D., one time President of the College and at the time of his death a member of the Board of Trustees. His death occurred in the early morning hours of the 9th day of February in the year 1884.

Now the precedent had been established and confirmed by usuage that the usual scholastic exercises should be omitted during the interval between the death and burial of a trustee. To the student body the fact that Dr. North had been both a president and trustee seemed a double reason for a suspension of classes. To be sure, members of the class afterwards admitted that they had practically never seen Dr. North nor heard much about him, but still they knew as much about him as they did about any trustee, and a tradition was a tradition—and a three days' holiday was a three days' holiday.

At chapel services on the morning of his death it was announced that the usual college exercises would be suspended on the day of the funeral—and that day only. The students heard this announcement with open-mouthed wonderment. Such an act of disrespect to the memory of a deceased trustee was unheard of. Instantly the student body was aroused—and for more reasons than one. As one alumnus remarked, "Trustees were not numerous, ex-presidents less numerous; they, one and all, as far as we knew, lived to a ripe old age. It was a rare occasion. There was nothing the average undergraduate desired more than to honor it fittingly, in private; and fully, in public."

Even at that time there was much fear among the students that the faculty was attempting to force the abandonment of age-old traditions, and this feeling only served to convince the student body of the unfairness of the college authorities. To be sure, it afterward became known that it was the request of the family of Dr. North that only the day of the funeral should be observed in honor of his memory—but nothing of this had even been hinted from the chapel platform.

The result was that after chapel on the morning of the ninth a college meeting was held in the old gymnasium, and the students voted that "out of respect to the memory of the dead they would refrain from the usual college duties until the obsequies and, further, would attend the funeral in a body and in class order." The resolutions were fully carried out, even to attending the funeral in a body in spite of a drenching February rain.

The morning after the funeral services a perfect attendance greeted the chapel leader. After the customary devotions the president reviewed "the incidents relative to the situation, revolutionary and lawless on the part of the students, as he and the faculty viewed it." Two seniors were indefinitely suspended and one junior for a period of two weeks—the punishment for being ringleaders in the college meetings.

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## ORIGIN OF WORD "RUSTY" UNEARTHS ANCIENT FACULTY-STUDENT WAR

The origin of the term "rusties" as applied to sophomores carries with it a story of a Hamilton tradition which dates back to the earliest days of college life on the Hill, to the time when the freshmen class celebrated their promotion with the ringing of the chapel bell—"ringing off the rust," which had accumulated during its initial year.

Perhaps modern scientific methods have made bells rust-proof, or perhaps the custom just died a natural death following the same mode of departure as its better-known fellow-tradition, banquet season, but whatever may have been the reason the reason the bell-ringing passed into history by 1880. Thereupon, the class which first broke the tradition and failed to "ring off the rust" was given the title of "rusties," a title which has continued down to the present but which seems to be threatened with complete extinction.

Strange as it may seem today, the faculty openly opposed the custom, and it was this very opposition which made it last as long as it did. Its popularity declined in direct proportion to the weakening of faculty hostility. This faculty interference took on many forms, and gave to the term "rusties" a really interesting history.

As the story goes the professors first centered their attack on the bell-ringer's room, thus to prevent access to the rope. To overcome the obstacle the boys would climb up the lightning rod and on reaching the bell chamber would ring the bell, literally, "over the faculty's head."

Failing in this method the faculty tried occupying the stairs to the bell-tower after the students had reached the top, the purpose being to catch the offenders on their departure. In such a predicament the boys would climb out on the steeple and slide down the lightning rod, taking their chances of eluding the dignified professors who were waiting on the ground to catch them. It soon became evident that the lightning rod commanded the situation, and so the college trustees had an iron fence built around it about 25 feet from the ground and with sharp iron hooks extending downward. It looked like a pretty effecual barrier, but it failed completely on the first test.

This came in the spring of 1846. As usual the faculty occupied the bell-ringer's room. The iron fence guarded the only other approach to the bell. Everything seemed secure and the patient guardians of the tower were just congratulating themselves on their vigilance when the bell began to ring. Champ Spencer, formerly mayor of Daytona, Fla., had climbed over the lightning rod into the tower. The reverend faculty gave up in disgust, and the sophomores of 1846 began their college year free from rust.

By 1853 after several more sophomore victories, the faculty forces surrendered unconditionally. The one-sided contest lingered on, but lacking opposition, the sophomores allowed the tradition to dwindle until with the coming of baseball about 1865 "rust ringing," stripped of its glamour, became completely perfunctory. However, there was still one force which operated in favor of its continuance. The classes which did not ring the bell were called "rusties." In order to stamp this title out with the least possible effort, the sophomores hired an Irishman living on the Hill to do the ringing for them. He worked from midnight until dawn—or until he fell asleep.

In deference to the father of one of the faculty members who was in ill health, the ringing in 1880 was allowed to lapse, and was never resumed. The name "rusty" seems to have outlived it.

## *Second Issue of Literary Supplement on Feb. 8*

The second issue of the Literary Supplement of Hamilton Life will make its appearance on February 8th, the first Wednesday after the beginning of the second seester. Because of the difficulties arising from the fact that examination period just precedes the date of publication it is requested that all copy for the issue be submitted no later than Saturday, January 28th. It is suggested that any copy that is ready be submitted at the earliest possible time before the final date set.

All copy should be given to Pitcher at the Psi U House or placed in the Publications box in the gymnasium.

## BUFF AND BLUE LOSES OPENING GAME TO HOBART

### Hamilton Team Unable to Stop Speedy Attack of Purple and Orange Basketeers

### ROWLEY DOES NOT PLAY

### Team Looks Poor Both in Shooting and Guarding

Handicapped by the loss of Captain Rowley and by a lack of experience, Hamilton's basketball team was defeated by a fast Hobart College quintet by a 36-11 score in the first game of the local season last Friday.

The Hamilton team making its first appearance under the direction of Coach Weber was weak both on offense and defense. The speedy Hobart forwards had an easy time penetrating the Buff and Blue's rather complicated defense. The shooting of the latter was weak, and although they frequently penetrated the Purple defense, they missed many easy shots.

Barrett gave Hobart the lead at the outset with two field baskets. The Hamilton team, after time had been taken out, showed their best offensive power of the evening and four successive field baskets evened the score at 8-8. Here the Hobart offense began to run smoothly with Dubert and Barrett tearing loose on long and short shots. The visitors

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## Christmas Program To Be Given Sunday

The first opportunity for enjoying a taste of real Christmas spirit will be offered the undergraduates of Hamilton College on next Sunday evening, at 8:15, in the Hall of Commons. At this time the class in Dramatic Interpretation will present a Christmas Miracle Play, and the College Choir will give its annual recital of Christmas music. Christmas performances of this nature are given each year, shortly before the recess, and have proved increasingly popular with the audiences that fill Commons to overflowing.

The recital by the Choir will consist entirely of early compositions, two of the selections being Chorales by Bach, two by Michael Praetorius, one by Nicholas Saboly, and the remainder, carols of various times and countries. The program is as follows:

While by My Sheep—A 17th Century Hymn.

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light

A Chorale from the "Christmas Oratorio"...Johann Sebastian Bach (1686-1750)

In Dulci Jubilo—A 14th Century Carol

The Son of God Is Born for All —Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Good King Wenceslas—An Old English Carol

Gebor'n ist der Emmanuel —Michael Praetorius

Touro-Louro-Louro —Nicholas Saboly (1614-1675)

Snow-bound Mountains—A Carol from White Russia

O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly —John Sebastian Bach

(A Chorale from the Cantata, "Dazu ist Erschienen")

The Miracle Play to be produced this year is more advanced in the scale of the evolution of the Play than

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## EZRA POUND, 05 WRITES ARTICLE ON PASSPORTS

### Pound's Article in The Nation Criticizes U. S. Government's Passport Service

### FAVORS BRITISH PLAN

### Lays Blame Partly on Woodrow Wilson for Existing Condition

Ezra W. Pound, '05, a poet of the very modern school, and a Hamilton alumnus for whom proper appreciation has been and still is lacking on many hands, is frankly disturbed at certain features of the United States Government. If we may judge from his article in the Nation of November 30, entitled The Passport Nuisance, in which he says much of what he considers the bad aspects of our American foreign service, all is not so well with the American official and executive group, and with the reputation of Woodrow Wilson.

The difficulty which Mr. Pound has experienced in wandering about the Continent is directly due, he claims to the surpassing stupidity and inefficiency of the American officials. Rankled by certain embarrassments which he blames entirely upon "bureaucrats," he has contributed a wrathful complaint to the Nation. Considering the post-war exodus of Americans to Europe, he divides them into four groups; the young, studious, active explorers; the old ladies who have been saving up for some time; the drunks; and the shoppers. All of these people, for the various reasons that he points out, have little difficulty in getting about, chiefly because they are "idiots" or "ready to put up with anything."

Ezra Pound, however, is not so impervious to troublesome conditions which have sprung up since the war. And he is not at all averse to assigning these "particular imbeciliites" to definite causes. He says cheerfully, "To trace the remote causes of any ill odor is a thankless task, especially if the search reveal such national treasures and sources of civic pride as the late Bryan, the late Wilson and unfortunately still extant personnel of the United States Department of State. It is, alas, almost wholly forgotten that Bryan gave Wilson to America; and that Wilson subsequently introduced into international affairs an academic mind; a mind not used to dealing with adults but to ad-

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## Executive Council Discusses New Rules

In a rather long meeting of the Executive Council of Hamilton College, Wednesday evening, December 7, many important questions concerning letters, numerals, and intramurals were discussed. The attention of the fraternities is called to the election of new Council members in the College meeting Friday, December 16, from the junior class after the elemination election in Chapel.

The baseball captaincy, left in a deadlock, was decided in favor of Church. John Redmond, for his extraordinary work in the Union Game was awarded a letter in football. The other letters to be awarded in the College meeting Friday night Dec. 16, at 8 o'clock were decided upon and fourteen freshmen were awarded full numerals. Church's suggestions for changes in the H for cheer laders and minor sports, and also Merritt's proposal were laid on the table. A special committee composed of the three undergraduate members, Coach Prettyman, Merritt, and Church was appointed to investigate the proposals and report at a special College Meeting in January.

Included in the other business was the passing of a classification ruling that will govern the status of men participating in intramurals in College. The ruling as adopted is: "In class competitions a man may represent a class with which he entered College whether he originally entered Hamilton or another institution; but if he has been dropped from his class or has been voluntarily out of College for a year or more, he may represent a lower class only."

Then the Council approved an amendment to the by-laws which to become valid, must be ratified by a 4-5 vote of the students Friday eve-

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## AN ACCUSATION AND A SUGGESTION

[Editor's Note—The following editorial was judged second in the Pi Delta Epsilon prize editorial contest:]

We came to Hamilton not to prepare to live, but to live. Thrills are as real, hurts as deep today as they will be forty years from now. Each day sees us trying to enjoy life as thoroughly as we shall a decade from now. When we are graduated from college, it should not be as though we went from one world into another, nor as if we jumped from one life into another, but rather as though we entered a new city on the highway of life. Therefore, because today and tomorrow are both real, pulsating periods, the problems we face in middle age should find their roots in today's existence. The fundamental struggles of life should be presented to us now. College is not a preparatory school for life, it is life itself. Graduation should not present a new set of problems, but a slightly different view of the old ones.

It is on this point that we accuse Hamilton College. This school does much for its students. It introduces them to real friends, it teaches them to love cultural pleasures, it gives them a fairly wide range of subjects for study, and it tries to teach them to think clearly. However, Hamilton does not bring its men face to face with real life, but instead builds a barrier between them and the socalled 'outside world.' Yet there is no 'outside world' except perhaps the land of our next existence.

Freshman year shows us that college is intended as a world of its own, a self-sufficient existence, a vacation from life. At first this lulls and soothes us; we like it, but soon this same atmosphere makes us restless, and we feel that life here is interesting, entertaining, but superficial. The real problems, struggles, and deeds of the universe—the things to which men are giving their health, minds and lives—leave this college and its men untouched. Hamilton men are encouraged to fall into a state of mental stagnation.

Where at Hamilton can you find the problems of capital and labor fearlessly and impartially exposed to view? How many men know the difference between the "right wing" and the "left wing" and the importance of each as disclosed by the recent strikes? Have the principles of communism ever been offered to this college for examination? Has any man told us the true status of prohibition, the real worth of Mussolini, the reasons for Soviet Russia, the honest story of the rise and fall of Germany?

Never in this school have we heard modernism and fundamentalism discussed by men who know. The story of evolution is only a story to us. Our sex education consists of "bull sessions," stumbling personal experiences, and Michael Arlen's novels. Our bodies are still mysterious machines unexplained to us by any one during our stay here. Are we prepared to live happily with such equipment?

Who in college has taught us, or even tried to teach us one iota about leading men, about developing that quality which makes men work with you instead of against you? Who has explained to us what the higher values of life consist of, and what temporary pleasures must be sacrificed to attain them? Are our ideas of right and wrong, of tolerance and intolerance, of sin and virtue, any clearer today than they were one, two, or even three years ago? Can we live successfully without any instruction on these important subjects?

We shall be graduated from this institution culturally able to stand with the great majority, but practically ignorant of life itself. Money, its use, its care, leadership, the true value of life, our bodies, their care, sex, social conditions and problems, religions, politics, graft, moral problems, our wills—these and similar subjects our college course passes by, blindly and blithely. Yet these are our problems of today and tomorrow. On a few of them we have ferreted out a little scraggly, scrawnly information, but as Pope said, "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." We have never heard one of the above topics thoroughly discussed at college by a man who knew. Yet can a life be worthwhile which ignores even two or three of them?

This college has failed to bring us face to face with vigorous life. The reason for this failure lies in the principle of the administration which tries to have each day pass without a ripple on the surface. They aim to graduate one hundred men each year with the least possible trouble and expense. Therefore, anything that may stir and agitate the men is frowned upon because thinking may disturb the peaceful calm of conservative routine which the administration so loves. The classes aim to make men learn enough about the past to enable them to pass a few examinations, and nothing vital about the present. The Myers Lectures, for example, are steered away from thought-stimulating subjects. We have plenty about the discovery of Labrador, the birds of Newfoundland, and Elizabethan times, but nothing about the Socialist party, Carl Marx, H. L. Mencken, Thomas Paine, or evolution. Men are coddled and petted until they come to believe that life is simple and easy—which it is not.

But have we any definite plan to offer, something besides railleries, complaints and accusations, something that is definite and practical? Yes we have. We wish to present a three-fold plan which would at least awaken this college from her sluggish slumbers.

First, the library should contain newspapers from all the leading cities if only so that we might read the editorial views from different sections of the country. Each day the leading articles should be bulletined. Lectures should be conducted on the proper use of the library, and especially on the authenticity and scope of the various periodicals. We should be taught what men in the country are authorities on capital, on labor, on prohibition, on communism, on taxation, on foreign affairs, and on comparable questions.

Second, we should have, under college promotion, a series of lectures and discussions dealing with the world problems to which men are giving their lives. Socialism, communism, radicalism, Bolshevism, strikes, the new chemistry, the new physics, modern ethics, evolution, world religions, finance and politics are a few of the subjects that should be presented to the college in straight-forward, unprejudiced, unhampered talks, delivered by men who know their subject. In addition there should be inaugurated a series of vocational talks given by representatives from the leading businesses and professions. Through this medium men could learn something about these jobs through which they hope to earn their livelihood.

Third, there should be a course called Life 1-2, and perhaps someday 3-4 and 5-6. In their course under able, fearless leadership men could learn about their bodies, about sex, about the real values of life, about self-control, about money, family finance, and about the raising of a family. Leadership, manhood, education and its problems, all could be discussed and taught to those men who desire to know about such things. In such a course, also, men could have themselves analyzed and receive aid in deciding to what life venture they would give their lives.

At present Hamilton College is not a "house by the side of the road where the race of men go by" but rather a mountain house far, far away from which men are rudely and suddenly dropped onto the highway of life utterly ignorant of its problems and struggles. If our plan were adopted, it would at least move the college within hailing distance of this "highway of life."

(Signed) WINTON TOLLES.

## CHARLATANS PRESENT THREE PLAYS TONIGHT

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ship is still a week's journey from land. Driscoll, played by Barns, stays at his cot and tries to distract the mind of the sick man from death. Together they produce a dialogue which is gripping and effective.

In the second play, Pitcher, president of the Charlatans, plays the role of Alexis Alexandrovitch, a Russian prince. Boris Ivanovitch, taken by Jarret, plays opposite him.

Mrs. Laves, Mrs. Patterson and Miss Saunders are among the cast of "The Trysting Place," which will be the last play on the program. This is one of Tarkington's best comedies. Instead of this play, the Charlatans will produce "Catesby" by Percival Wylde, at their Holland-Patent appearance on December 17. The stage settings are by C. F. Ingalls, and the lighting in charge of John Redmond.

These plays which comprise the repertoire of the Charlatans organization for this semester are well worth seeing and deserve the support of the undergraduates. The plays themselves are by very reputable authors and the work done so far in rehearsals indicates that they will be well presented.

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that of last year, showing more development of character portrayal, and less low comedy. The four parts to this play are: The Nativity, The Adoration of the Magi, The Adoration of the Shepherds, and The Magi's Oblation. They were written at the beginning of the Seventeenth Century by George Bellin.

The cast of the play is as follows: Gabriel, B. Ulmer; Virgin Mary, R. F. Sheu; St. Joseph, R. A. Atkins; First Shepherd, F. H. Calkins; Second Shepherd, W. C. Stevens; Third Shepherd, M. C. DeSormo; Gartius, P. S. Chacona; King Herod, F. P. Cutter; Chief of Clergy, W. E. Owens; First King, A. R. Crane; Second King, J. P. Edwards; Third King, D. E. Hunn.

## Middlebury Game May Be Cancelled

With the continued warm weather and the resultant lack of ice, the hockey team is greatly handicapped in preparing for its first game of the season with Middlebury on Saturday. In the three weeks of practice there have been only two sessions on the ice, the last of which was given over to scrimmage. The team has shown up well in the few practice sessions on the ice, but the lack of practice is a decided handicap, especially when a foe of the calibre of Middlebury is to be met. Unless the weather changes soon the possibility of postponement or cancellation of the game increases.

Last year the Buff and Blue team went down to a 6-3 defeat at the hands of a heavier Middlebury sextet in the opening game of the season. Hamilton has played Middlebury for four years, and until last year had not been defeated by the Vermont College.

Judging from the number of veterans left from last year's team, Coach Prettyman should be able to turn out one of the best teams in recent years. The chief difficulty seems to be a lack of weight.

The veterans about whom the team will be built are Captain Beardsley, Bald, Hassard, Ingalls, and Scovel; Heyl, Browne, and Schneider were also letter men last year. There are a number of sophomores who are showing up well, notably Smith, Ford, Vibberts, Birch, Chase, Tucker, and Webster.

The line-up for the game on Saturday has not yet been announced, but it will probably be as follows: Wings, Bald and Beardsley; center, Ingalls; defense, Schneider and Hassard; goal, Scovel.

Next Tuesday the Buff and Blue team will play its only out of town game when it meets the fast Nichols Club team at Buffalo. Last year Hamilton won by a score of 3-2 in a close fought match.


Klub Sandwich Shoppe
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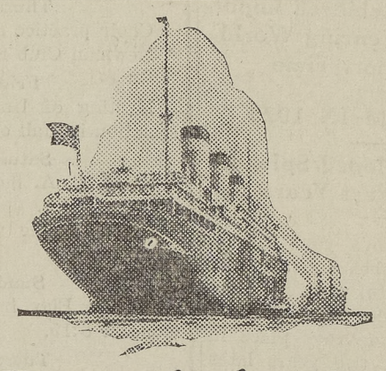

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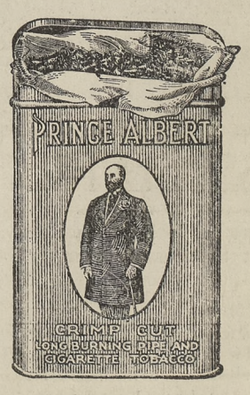


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# CARPE DIEM

### This Week's Special

"By the urgent request of the undergraduates of Hamilton College, the traditional name of this column, i. e., 'Carpe Diem" shall henceforth and hereafter be known as 'Corby Diem'."

I have not incorporated another person's work in this wisecrack without enclosing the words in quotation marks.

(Signed)
CARPE

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### With the Local Jokesmiths at the Hamilton-Wells Debate

(We refuse to vouch for any or all of these so-called humorous commentaries on the recent inter-sex forensic clash. The following witticisms(?) are those surviving our scissors of censorship. Lord knows we sure filled a mean wastebasket—and then some.)

Of course we knew some one would hand in this one:

The Wells debaters may not have had the facts, but we certainly approved of their figures.

This one was, we feel quite sure, inspired by pure malice, or, at best, sour grapes.

2. Well, anyway, the Wells debate gave the Charlatans their turn to laugh. "He (they) who laughs (laugh) last laughs (laugh) best."

3. The prize for the best philology of the evening, belongs, beyond the shadow of any doubt, to Mr. Tolles, for his inimitable creation of the new plu-plural: "Enterpriseses."

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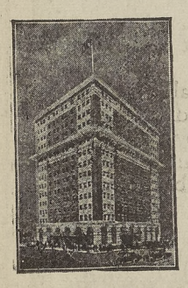

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## EZRA POUND WRITES ARTICLE ON PASSPORTS

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ministering petty formalities to an adolescent scholastic body.

"Whatever ultimately be said by Mr. Wilson's apologists, and whatever final praise be given to his aims and aspirations, there remains at least one private conviction that during his rule the civic organization of America suffered very great damage; that the individual welfare of the citizen went by the board; that the powers of all classes of officials were extended beyond the limits of indecency, and beyond limits compatible with the safety of the commonwealth."

Again he says, "Mr. Wilson might have made a fairly successful Emperor of Byzantium; in the year 853 few of his habits would have greatly annoyed the populace of that city." There had been before Wilson's election, very few Democrats; the supply for normal appointees was short, and for the abnormal war demands, still shorter. The war produced, if not a new ruling class, at least a new zealous bossiness."

He then cited several examples of contracts with the new civic order in London, in France, and near the Spanish border, stating that the confusion so prevalent in 1919, which he can understand, has continued inexplicably through 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927. A comparison as to cost and convenience of the British passport with the American leads him to further condemnation of the American official group which, he asserts, does not desire the comfort and convenience of the American individual. "And what is more," continues the poet, "we have one of the clumsiest systems of communication between individuals unorganized and groups of individuals, that exists in any allegedly representative government. Apart from our tendency to put up with anything, and our instilled duty to be humorous instead of taking action, the normal American has no idea whatsoever as to how he can or should deal with executive infamy." This he considers part of the price we pay for having our national capital tucked away in a corner.

In England something would be done about it immediately. There "anything causing inconvenience to ten or twenty thousand literate people can be got on the floor of the House of Commons in forty-eight hours. In the United States this could only happen if the issue affected some very large organized business." He sums up his brief consideration of the attitude of the government as an individual as follows:

The American, gently: "Forty dollars is a bit heavy for (passport and visa fees for) a little trip of six weeks."

Consul: "Aw! We dun' care whether yuh trevul er not."

## NULLIFICATION IN WEST VIRGINIA

Morgantown, W. Va. (By New Student Service)—West Virginia has earned a place in the hall of fame with Tennessee and Chicago as a third great defender of American ideals. Only now the complete story of Kirby Page exclusion incident has filtered through, and in its entirety it reads like an advertisement offering for sale or trade the University of West Virginia. In October it was suggested that Page, editor of the World Tomorrow, be invited to speak on the Morgantown campus. The Religious Work Council, consisting of the student pastors and Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. representatives, decided that it would be unwise and unsafe to have Mr. Page at the University. The Y. W. C. A., acting for itself, made arrangements to have the forbidden speaker come anyhow, and he was scheduled for two addresses.

At once the military department got into action. From the Reserve Officers Association they had received materials purporting to prove Kirby Page a dangerous radical, and if not an out and out red, at least a very pink pink. Besides, Page is a conscientious objector. So the R. O. T. C. took it upon itself to legislate for the University. It had no difficulty in enlisting the aid of the D. A. R. and the American Legion. With such prominent citizens applying the thumbscrews, President Trotter succumbed, and announced to the Y. W. C. A. that the campus was closed to Page.

That wasn't the end. A few faculty members wondered out loud if a state University was to be censored by the campus military, and if chaperoned by the townspeople. A few students, loath to place their faith even in a University president, also thought out loud. Two of them invited Mr. Page to come and speak off the campus. He did, before a fairly large and interested crowd.

The next day President Trotter declared himself boldly and frankly. He would bar from the campus any speaker toward whom there existed organized opposition. He was not going to have any fights on his presidential hands. And that ended the case so far as Mr .Trotter is concerned.

## CLASS OF '84 OBJECTED TO RULING

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Of course the next step was another meeting of th college body. It was voted that three men should not suffer for that in which all were equally involved. And so '84 resolved to stay out of college as long as its two representatives were kept out. "The bolt was on."

A committee of the class was appointed to negotiate with the faculty, and for weeks the negotiations were carried on. The class dispersed; some going home, others visiting friends, and others transferring to other colleges.

Matters, however, were finally adjusted, "the class returned to the Hill, degrees were conferred and '84 went on record as the largest class graduated." As time has slipped by the old wounds have been healed, and now no more loyal Hamiltonians can be found than the members of the Class of '84.

## COUNCIL DISCUSSES IMPORTANT RULINGS

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ning. It is: "To win a letter in cross-country a man must either, A. break a College record, B. place among the first ten in the Conference Meet; C. win as many points as there were meets during the entire season—the first Hamilton man finishing in a meet receiving five points, the second four, and so on, the fifth receiving one. But to receive an H in this section he must have participated in a majority of the meets."

## FENCING TEAM HAS DEVELOPED GREATLY

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was elected captain and manager, and Coach Gelas after considerable hard work managed to whip a team into shape. The first intercollegiate match was on February 10, 1923, when Hamilton met West Point at West Point and was defeated by a 12-4 score. The next two matches were with Cornell. In the first, at Cornell, Hamilton won 11-5, but the return match at Clinton resulted in a tie. In the Intercollegiate matches of that year, the Buff and Blue sabre team composed of Ogilvie and Johnson reached the semi-finals before it was eliminated by the Army.

On the whole, for a first season, fencing was doing remarkably well. The team had won one match, lost one, and tied one. The sabre team had reached the semi-finals in the Intercollegiates. On this first fencing team of Hamilton were, beside Captain Ogilvie and Johnson of the sabre team, Don Kittell and Stevens, the epee men; and Scott, Kittell, and Packer, the foils men.

The second season showed a steady improvement. The team was intact from the previous year, and Ogilvie was re-elected captain and manager. This year, 1924, Hamilton won from Syracuse, Dartmouth, Columbia, and Cornell and lost to only the University of Pennsylvania and the Navy.

The year 1925 proved to the best for Hamilton in regard to the Intercollegiate matches. Wilfred T. Packer, with two years experience, was captain of the team. The early part of the season was fairly successful, Hamilton winning from N. Y. U., Syracuse, and the University of Pennsylvania, but losing to Cornell and the Army early in the season.

Then on April 2 and 3 came the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Tournament at New York, the high point in Hamilton's fencing history. The foils team had defeated Army, Yale, Harvard, N. Y. U., and were to meet the Navy for the championship. This exceptional foils team was composed of Captain Packer, G. Kittell, and Scott. At the beginning of the final bout the score was tie, but the final bout was lost by a single point and the championship went to the Navy, 5-4.

The following seasons proved to be fairly successful, and at present Hamilton rates high in the intercollegiate fencing world. Most of the credit for Hamilton's success in fencing is due to the careful and skillful training given by Coach Gelas, who from the very beginning has turned out winning fencing teams.

## BUFF AND BLUE LOSES OPENER TO HOBART

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again went into the lead and were never headed. Carpenter took Hiler's place at left guard and ended Hamilton's scoring for the half with a field basket. The half ended with the visitors leading by ten points, 18-8.

Hobart opened the second period at a fast clip and registered fifteen points before Leich, who had been substituted for Kuczycke, was able to chalk up a score for the Buff and Blue. The visitors' guards worked so quickly that Hamilton scored but three points in the last half.

Coach Weber tried out several combinations, but all failed to check the elusive Hobart forwards. Hamilton, in contrast with the custom of last year, used a man for man defense, except when three of the opponents were out of the danger zone, when the five man defense was again resorted to. On the offense it was Hamilton's inability to make shots when in position that caused her defeat.

Barrett and Dubert, center and left forward respectively of the visitors, proved to be one of the highest scoring combinations seen on the Hamilton court in some time. Between them they managed to score all but four of their team's thirty-six points. The guarding of Barna and Hart was consistent.

The loss of Captain Rowley was keenly felt. However, Fisher, playing in his position, turned in a nice game. Hiler and Carpenter, sophomores, showed plenty of promise and with a little more experience should be permanent fixtures on the team.

The score:

| HOBART | FG. | FB. | TP. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leader, rf | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Dubert, lf | 7 | 2 | 16 |
| Barrett, c | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| Hart, rg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barna, lg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clark, rf | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reiche, lf | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sweet, rg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ratcliffe, lg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 17 | 2 | 36 |

| HAMILTON | FG. | FB. | TP. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fisher, rf | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Jacobson, lf | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Normile, c | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Worboys, rg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hiler, lg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carpenter, lg | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kuczycke, lg | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leich, lf | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Dutcher, lf | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4 | 3 | 11 |

Score end of first half—Hobart 18, Hamilton 8. Fouls called—Hobart 10, Hamilton 8. Referee—Reilly.


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